

Minutes.....August 7, 2000

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 1, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Joel Tierney

(336) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Red Butte Pipeline – Petition to Transfer Assets – Docket No. D2000.5.73; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer of assets. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Marla Larson, Bonnie Lorang

(337) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West/Qwest – SGAT (June 9, 2000 Statement of Generally Available Terms) – Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to request that Qwest extend the review process to correspond to the 271 review and if necessary, further SGAT review. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending EPRI in San Diego, California but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(338) In the matter of N2000.7.102 – Sprint Communications Company L.P. Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1 – On July 12, 2000 Sprint Communications filed changes to its Price List No. 1 to: Introduce Sprint Foncard – Military Plan II and making miscellaneous text changes. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(339) In the matter of T-00.51.PCN – On June 12, 2000 Bob Lytle and Valerie Wadman dba Westwind Trails and Tales, Cut Bank, Montana applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on July 11, 2000 and no protests were received.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Cut Bank, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve granting the authority. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(340) In the matter of T-00.57.ST – On June 13, 2000 Merchants Moving & Storage, Inc., Hamilton, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 4879, to Gary T. and Pamela J. Nelson dba Merchants Moving & Storage, Hamilton, Montana. No protests were received.

Class B – Household goods (as defined by Commission) from all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana, to all points and places in the State of Montana.

Class C – Property (except garbage, dirt, sand and gravel) between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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(341) In the matter of T-00.58.ST – On June 1, 2000 BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Missoula, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9418, to Waste Connections of Montana, Inc., Miles City, Montana. No Protests were received.

Class D – Refuse, meaning all putresible and nonputresible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned wastes, between all points and places in Fallon, Carter and Wibaux, Counties, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: 1. Transportation between points and places within the town of Wibaux, Montana, and a five (5) mile radius thereof is prohibited. 2. Transportation between points and places within the town of Ekalaka, Montana, and a five (5) mile radius thereof is prohibited.

Class D – Garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste from litter cans located upon the public highways in the following enumerated counties: Richland, McCone, Garfield, Carter, Dawson, and Wibaux, and within the community of Jordan, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation of garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste within Ekalaka, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof is prohibited, except for the transportation of garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste contained in litter cans located upon public highways within the area.

Class D – Garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste between all points and places in Custer County. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D – Refuse, meaning all putresible and nonputresible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned wastes, between all points and places in the following counties: Prairie, Rosebud, and Powder River Counties, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(342) In the matter of TN2054 – Beach Transportation Company, Missoula, Montana requests the cancellation and termination of PSC No. 4884 effective immediately.

Class B – Passengers and their personal baggage in charter service, between all points and places in the State of Montana. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Missoula County, Montana.

Class B – Persons in charter bus service between all points and places in Montana. Limitations: 1) Transportation must originate and terminate in Ravalli County. 2) Limousine Service is prohibited and equipment is limited to vans, school buses and motor coaches with seating capacity of nine (9) or more. 3) Solicitation of Burlington Northern and Montana Rail Link crews is prohibited.

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Class C – Military personnel under the Military Traffic Management Command Agreement (#3) dated September 1, 1990, and any subsequent revisions made thereto. Limitations: This certificate is authorized only for the duration of the United States government contract specified above.

Commission Rowe moved to approve the request to cancel and terminate PSC No. 4884. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending EPRI in San Diego, California but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(343) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC Tier 2 – Motion for Reconsideration of Notice Suspending the Procedural Schedule – Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(344) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Flathead Electric and Energy Northwest Inc. (ENI) – Declaratory Ruling/Rate Case – Request for Extension of Time – Docket Nos. D2000.4.47 and D2000.7.103; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the Motion of Extension of Time. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Scott Fabel

(345) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/Citizens Telecom – Sale of Exchanges – Motion to Vacate Procedural Schedule – Docket No. D2000.1.11; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action Suspending the Procedural Schedule (but not vacating the hearing) and parties are directed to file a comprehensive stipulation on or before August 17, 2000. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(346) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out-of-Cycle Meetings; Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt version (A) of comments and staff is directed to include it in the "Blue Book". Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....August 8, 2000

9:30 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending EPRI in San Diego, California but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson for Robin McHugh

(347) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – 271 Collaborative – Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the standard protective order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 14, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was in Billings but left her votes with the Commission Secretary. Commission Rowe was at the Aspen Institute in Denver, Colorado but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(348) In the matter of Qwest Communications N2000.8.116 - On August 4, 2000, Quest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-31 to offer "Disaster/Emergency Program for Displaced Customers". Proposed for a 90-day period of time, July 28, 2000 through October 25, 2000, this program will wave charges for some telephone services when customers are evacuated from their homes due to fires. At this time customers have been evacuated in the following exchanges: Canyon Ferry, Boulder, Corvallis and Darby. This could change during the fire season and other areas would be added as conditions warrant.

There is a special group working the orders in this emergency situation. The number access this group is 1-877-388-6170.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

(349) In the matter of Qwest "Call Planner" Feature N2000.7.107 - On July 27, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-25, "Introduce 'Call Planner' Feature". "Call Planner" is an optional feature that provides for call forwarding for Direct Inward Dialing (DID) numbers. The feature is designed for business customers to enable their employees who work away from the office to receive calls at a remote location. Employees can remotely forward their business calls to any location and they can forward the calls based on time of day or day of week.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(350) T-00.59.ST- On June 22, 2000 Three Rivers Disposal, Inc., Bozeman, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 3835 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Missoula, Montana. No protests were received.

Class D - Garbage and refuse between all points and places in the following counties: Gallatin, Madison, Park, and Sweet Grass. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.



Class D - Garbage and solid waste between points in Broadwater County situated within an eight (8) mile radius of Three Forks, Montana.

Class D - Garbage and refuse between all points and places in Broadwater County. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitation: (1) Transportation within a 35-mile radius of Helena, Montana is prohibited. (2) Transportation within the City of Townsend is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 3835. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and McCaffree voted aye.

(351) In the matter of T-00.60.ST - On June 22, 2000 Ecowest Corporation, Bozeman, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9238 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Missoula, Montana. No protests were received.

Class D - Garbage in the City of West Yellowstone, Montana and within a radius of 25 miles of said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9238. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and McCaffree voted aye.

(352) In the matter of T-00.61.ST - On June 22, 2000 Rozel Corp. dba Customized Services, Bozeman, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9246 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Missoula, Montana. No protests were received.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matters and recyclables between all points and places within Madison and Gallatin Counties. Carrier may transport commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: (1) Service is prohibited to or from any points within an area in Madison County that lies within a radius of 50 miles of Dillon, Montana except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted. (2) Service is prohibited within the city of West Yellowstone, Montana, and to or from points within a radius of 25 miles thereof, except that service from points outside that area to certified landfills within that area is permitted.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9246. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe and McCaffree voted aye.

(353) In the matter of TN2055 - Charles Kelly dba Frank's Service, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 2636 to Frank's Service, Inc., Kalispell, Montana for a twelve month period, August 28, 2000 to August 28, 2001.

Class D - Garbage and refuse only, within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding seven (7) miles in any direction from said city; between Kalispell, Montana and the Kalispell Air Force Station at Lakeside, Montana; and between Kalispell, Montana and the Radar Installation on top of Blackfoot Mountain.

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Commissioner Feland moved to approve the continuation of the lease of PSC No. 2636 for a period of 1 year. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and McCaffree voted aye.

(354) In the matter of TN2056- Charles Kelly dba Kelly's Haulaway, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 8976 to Kelly's Haul Away, Inc., Kalispell, Montana for a twelve month period, August 28, 2000 to August 28, 2001.

Class D - Garbage, refuse, and other items both organic and inorganic within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and between points and places within a ten (10) mile radius of the City of Kalispell.

Class C - Scrap materials within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and between points and places within a ten (10) mile radius of the City of Kalispell. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the continuation of the lease of PSC No. 8976 for a period of 1 year. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and McCaffree voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....August 15, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was at the Aspen Institute in Denver, Colorado but participated by telephone.

APPEARANCE  
Will Rosquist

(355) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 4-State Letter to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) concerning distribution of benefits in power and cash; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the signing of the letter either in its current form or modifying it to include indexing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh

(356) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 69-3-805, MCA, April 11, 2000 Commission Decision – Clarification of whether carriers who filed initial tariffs or price lists before the Commission's decision need to maintain them. (Issue raised by Avista); Commissioner Feland moved to clarify our April 11, 2000 action to approve relieving the CLEC's from maintaining their prices lists. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(357) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest/Healthcare Liability Management – Interconnection Agreement – Docket No. D2000.5.71; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott, Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget, personnel matters; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant a pay exception for Joel Oelfke (FY2000 Budget) of \$2000.00. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree moved to authorize out-of-state travel for Kate Whitney to attend a NARUC Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs in Columbia, South Carolina, September 17-19, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes.....August 15, 2000

9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....August 17, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, August 17, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commission Rowe was at the Aspen Institute in Denver, Colorado but participated by telephone.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Lifeline/linkup docket – Enhancement support on tribal lands – Docket No. formerly D97.11.223, changed to D2000.8.122; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filings in N2000.7.108 (.85 cents) and N2000.7.109 (bill style). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a proposed order with additional language being added. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....August 21, 2000

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 21, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(360) In the matter of Powerex Docket N2000.7.105- On July 20, 2000 British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, D.B.A. Powerex submitted an application for a license to supply retail electricity to commercial and industrial customers in Montana. Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant a license to supply retail electricity to commercial and industrial customers in Montana. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There was no Transportation Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....August 22, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Eric Eck

(361) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy Northwest, Inc. – Rate Case – Docket No. D2000.7.103; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for ARM waiver of the requirement to file a marginal cost study. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request for Interim Increase and approve Interim Order No. 6259a. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett, Joel Tierney

(362) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Miller Oil – Rate Increase and Tracker Procedure – Docket No. D2000.8.118; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the application for rate increase on an interim basis (Residential 42.75%/Schools 0%). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(363) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utility – Annual Review/Monthly Tracker – Docket No. D2000.4.51; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve MDU's annual gas tracker (Final Order No. 6261). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(364) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest/Citizens – Docket No. D2000.1.11; Commissioner Rowe moved to vacate the September 7, 2000 hearing date. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes.....August 22, 2000

9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(365) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – Generic Protective Order – Docket No. D2000.8.119; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the renewal of the Protective Order with an amendment not to protect schedules 23, 24 and 27. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Feland dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(366) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Billings Trolley – Application for Public Convenience and Necessity (Final Order) – Docket No. T-00.24.PCN; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Feland dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)



Minutes.....August 23, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(367) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone, Reciprocal Compensation Tariff – Docket No. D2000.1.14; Commissioner Anderson moved to sustain objections to admission of responses to PSC data request 9(c), 12(b) and 13(d) and further to overrule 8(b). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 28, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(368) In the matter of Customer Carpets/U S WEST Docket No. D99.4.89; On August 2, 2000, the Commission issued Proposed Order No. 6224 in this docket. The proposed order has been circulated electronically. No exceptions, briefs or requests for oral argument have been received. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed order as its final order in this docket. Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the proposed order as its final order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(369) In the matter of Avista Communications, Inc. Docket No. D2000.2.19; On February 25, 2000 the Commission issued "Order on Petition for Temporary Suspension of Duty Under 47 U.S.C. Section 251 (b)(2)[local number portability]" (Order No. 6231) in this docket. A "Notice of Petition, Notice of Opportunity to Intervene, Notice of Opportunity to Comment" was issued on March 8, 2000. No requests for intervention or comments were filed. On August 21 the petitioner, Avista Communications, filed a "Notice of Petition Withdrawal." Avista no longer needs a temporary suspension of its obligation to provide local number portability. The Commission issued documents referred to above have been circulated electronically for Commissioner review as background. The Avista notice has been circulated. Recommend vacating Order No. 6231 and closing this docket. Commissioner McCaffree moved to vacate Order No. 6231 and close this docket. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(370) In the matter of TN2057; City Transfer Line of Butte, Montana, a Montana corporation, Butte, Montana, requests permission to lease PSC No. 1790 to All Lanes Moving & Storage, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a three month period August 28, 2000 to November 28, 2000.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

Class C - Property within the City of Butte, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

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Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease for a three month period August 28, 2000 to November 28, 2000. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(371) In the matter of T-00.108.PCN; James F. Cole dba Montana Luxury Limo Service, Great Falls, Montana requests temporary intrastate operating authority.

Class B – Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Great Falls, Montana and a 100 mile radius.

Anderson A permanent authority application requesting the same has been filed. Commissioner Feland moved to approve temporary intrastate operating authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner (participated by phone)  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson and Will Rosquist

(372) In the matter of Montana Power Company electric restructuring transition plan – D97.7.90 the Commission's discussion of MPC request for expedited review of letter of Intent to buyout certain QF contracts; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny MPC's request to expedite approval of the QF Letters of Intent. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee and Scott Fabel

(373) In the matter of Ronan Telephone - D2000.1.14 the Commission's discussion of Tariff Filing for Reciprocal Compensation Rates; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the Motion in Limine and the Motion to Strike and noting to focus on termination and rate issues. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee and Scott Fabel

(374) In the matter of Section 271- D2000.5.70 the Commission's discussion of authorizing a change to the second workshop date, and to consider other procedural matters; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve changes of the workshop date and to delegate staff to make other changes on the workshop on this docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commission Anderson moved to grant the request of 3 Rivers Fiber Optic, Inc. (3 Rivers) to participate in this docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh and Jay Driscoll

(375) In the matter of Qwest - D2000.2.21 the Commission's discussion of Qwest's motion for protective order; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion for the protective order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes.....August 30, 2000

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, August 30, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent, but left his vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(376) In the matter of Energy Northwest, Inc. – D2000.7.103 the Commission's discussion of Energy Northwest – Application for Rate Increase; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant to issue the Protective Order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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